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FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF STATEMENT RELEASED BY CONGRESSMAN RICHARDSON PREYER (D-NC) ON AUGUST 30 AFTER HIS RETURN FROM HAVANA:

QUOTE:

MEMBERS OF THE ASSASSINATIONS COMMITTEE STAFF AND I RETURNED YESTERDAY FROM CUBA WHERE WE SPENT FIVE DAYS INTERVIEWING WITNESSES. WE INTERVIEWED THEM IN THE MORNING, AFTERNOONS AND SOMETIMES AT NIGHT. THESE ARE WITNESSES WHO WERE NOT AVAILABLE TO THE WARREN COMMISSION.

THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT HAS COOPERATED WITH US IN MAKING THESE WITNESSES AVAILABLE TO US. AT THE TIME OF THE WARREN COMMISSION OUR RELATIONS WERE NOT SUCH THAT THOSE WITNESSES WERE AVAILABLE.

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THIS IS PART OF THE PROCESS THAT THE COMMITTEE IS GOING THROUGH TO GATHER ALL THE FACTS THAT WE CAN FIND AND WE ARE INTERVIEWING A NUMBER OF WITNESSES WHO ARE IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES. THESE WITNESSES HAPPENED TO BE IN CUBA AND OF

COURSE THE SUBPOENA POWER DOES NOT REACH TO WITNESSES WHO ARE IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

THERE SHOULD NOT BE READ INTO INTERVIEWING THESE WITNESSES ANY SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE OR THAT THE COURSE OF HISTORY IS GOING TO BE CHANGED BY INTERVIEWING SOME NEW WITNESSES. THEY ARE WITNESSES WHOSE TESTIMONY HAS NOT BEEN AVAILABLE BEFORE AND THEY HELPED TO BUILD THE ENTIRE RECORD IN THE CASE AND ADD TO THE INFORMATION ON IT. SO WE THINK THAT IT WAS PRODUCTIVE AND USEFUL TO BE ABLE TO MEET WITH THEM. UNQUOTE.

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